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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT TO US BY QATARI MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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1. REFTELS ARE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ON POSSIBLE VISIT TO US BY SHAYKH JASIM BIN HAMAD AL THANI, QATARI MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND AMIR'S ELDER BROTHER.

2. ON NOV 4 DR. MOHAMMED KAZEM, DEAN OF QATAR UNIVERSITY, REMINDED US OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON POSSIBLE VISIT FOR SHAYKH JASIM. (TRIP IS REALLY KAZEM'S IDEA AND HE WOULD EXPECT TO ACCOMPANY MINISTER.) WE TOLD KAZEM THAT WE HAD CONSULTED WITH DEPT LAST SPRING AND AMBASSADOR HAD MENTIONED IT DURING HIS RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, AND WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR SHAYKH JASIM BUT REQUIRED SPECIFICS RE TIMING AND OTHER DETAILS. WE NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR HAD MENTIONED TRIP INFORMALLY TO SHAYKH JASIM SOMETIME AGO, AND MINISTER HAD INDICATED KEEN INTEREST.

3. KAZEM REITERATED THAT GOQ WOULD BEAR ALL EXPENSES; HE STATED PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF TRIP WOULD BE TO FAMILARIZE SHAYKH JASIM WITH UNIVERSITIES AND STUDENT LIFE IN US SINCE

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INCREASING NUMBER OF QATARI STUDENTS, SPONSORED BY MINISTRY

OF EDUCATION, ARE NOW MATRICULATING TO US INSTITUTIONS. (WE FAVOR DEPT'S SUGGESTION THAT VISIT BE IN CONTEXT OF PARTIAL IV GRANT TO GIVE IT OFFICIAL CHARACTER-STATE REFTEL).

4. RE MECHANICS, KAZEM SAID SHAYKH JASIM WOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION FROM HIS USG COUNTER-PART, PRESUMABLY HEW SECRETARY MATHEWS, AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN WASHINGTON TO CALL ON SECRETARY MATHEWS AND OTHER USG OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE. KAZEM SUGGESTED THAT LETTER OF INVITATION MIGHT TIE VISIT VERY GENERALLY TO BICENTENNIAL YEAR. KAZEM SAID IT WOULD BE EXPECTED THAT SECRETARY MATHEWS WOULD HOST A LUNCH OR SOME OTHER OFFICIAL FUNCTION IN SHAYKH JASIM'S HONOR, AND THAT HE WOULD RECIPROCATATE THROUGH QATARI EMBASSY. ACCORDING KAZEM, THIS IS PROTOCOL THAT HAS BEEN FOLLOWED IN SHAYKH JASIM'S VISITS TO UK AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. RE TIMING, KAZEM SUGGESTED JANUARY OR APRIL. RE PROGRAM, HE MENTIONED VISITS TO PRESTIGIOUS PRIVATE EASTERN UNIVERSITY SUCH AS HARVARD; A LARGE STATE UNIVERSITY (WE SUGGEST SUNY AT BUFFALO; ONE INSTITUTION IN MIDDLE AMERICA, E.G. INDIANA UNIVERSITY, AND ONE ON WEST COAST. CHANCELLORS OR PRESIDENTS OF VISITED INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO OFFER APPROPRIATE HOSPITALITY. KAZEM NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE A "MUST" TO VISIT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA TO WHICH SHAYKH JASIM HAS GIVEN SEVERAL ARABIAN ORYXES--JASIM IS HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF SOCIETY FOR PRESERVATION OF ARABIAN ORYX.

6. KAZEM EMPHASIZED THAT SHAYKH JASIM'S INTEREST IN EDUCATIONAL SUBSTANCE IS MINIMAL AND HE WILL NOT BE PREPARED FOR OR INTERESTED IN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS OF CURRICULUM AND EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY ETC.--ESSENTIALLY HE WANTS TO SEE US UNIVERSITIES AND OBSERVE STUDENT LIFE, AND HIS PROSPECTIVE HOSTS SHOULD BE SO INFORMED. KAZEM HIMSELF DOES HAVE SUBSTANTIVE INTERESTS AND MAY ASK US TO HELP HIM SEPARATELY WITH SOME CONTACTS THAT HE WISHES TO MAKE.

7. WE ARE PRESUMING THAT THE DEPT REMAINS PREPARED TO HANDLE A VISIT BY SHAYKH JASIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE GUIDELINES. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION INFORMALLY TO THE MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND AT THAT TIME BE ABLE TO TELL HIM AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM SECRETARY MATHEWS. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, ALTHOUGH SHAYKH JASIM IS NON-SUBSTANTIVE IN HIS OWN MINISTRY, HE HAS POLITICAL CLOUT AND IT WILL SERVE OUR GENERAL PURPOSES TO FACILITATE HIS VISIT, PLACE IT IN AN OFFICIAL FRAMEWORK, AND OFFER HIM APPROPRIATE HOSPITALITY IN WASHINGTON.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S COMMENTS AND FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.

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